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February 19, 1982

Mr. Robert D. Lynn
General Manager
Anaconda Minerals Company
New Mexico Operations
P. O. Box 638
Grants, New Mexico 87020

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Thank you for your February 5, 1982, response to our procedures for temporary abandonment of the Jackpile-Paguate Mine, Pueblo of Laguna Uranium Leases 1, 4, and 8.

You have accepted procedures 1, 2a, 2b, 2d, and 3 through 11, as set forth in my January 22, 1982, letter. As previously stated, these procedures must be implemented upon cessation of all mining and mining related operations, and continued until approval of a reclamation plan for the mining leases. Please notify this office when the fences and gates required by procedure 2b have been installed, so that we may inspect them.

For procedure 2c, you propose to restrict access to the underground workings by blocking the adits and decline with earthen plugs. I will contact you in the near future to schedule a meeting to discuss this approach. At that time, we can also confirm procedures for restricting access to the ventilation boreholes.

In regards to procedure 2e, we are concerned primarily about the entry of livestock into areas containing contaminated surface water, or areas previously revegetated. However, we are also aware that restricting livestock from the mining areas has been a problem in the past. We would be happy to discuss this matter with you and the Pueblo of Laguna at your earliest convenience.

We are considering your proposal to post a \$3.3 million bond for the removal of the mining and mining related equipment listed in your "Jackpile Inventory". We will advise you of our decision on this proposal as soon as possible, hopefully when we discuss procedures 2c and 2e.

Thank you for your time and cooperation. If you have any questions about the temporary abandonment procedures, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SGD.) DALE C. JONES

Dale C. Jones
District Mining Supervisor

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